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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

State of Victoria—Vital Statistics, 1910 and 1911.

The following statement was received from the Government statist at Melbourne:

Vital statistics of Victoria, 1910 and 1911.

	1910	1911
Deaths.....	14,736	15,217
Deaths due to:		
Phthisis.....	1,078	1,108
Other tubercular diseases.....	229	246
Cancer.....	1,081	1,100
Typhoid fever.....	139	95
Diphtheria.....	112	237
Whooping cough.....	65	40
Scarlet fever.....	28	6
Measles.....	32	74

The population of Victoria in 1901 was 1,201,070.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Smallpox—Quarantine against Port.

Surg. Brown reports March 4: During the week ended March 2, 8 cases of plague with 6 deaths and 83 cases of smallpox with 65 deaths were reported at Hongkong.

The Government of Burma declared quarantine against Hongkong as a plague-infected port March 1.

Examination of Rats.

During the week ended March 2, 1,932 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

GREECE.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis.

During the week ended March 16, 22 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis were reported in 5 localities in Greece and during the week ended March 23, 106 cases in 25 localities.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.

A case of human plague was reported at Kapulena, Hawaii, October 28, 1911.

At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910. At Honokaa, 60 miles from Hilo, a fatal case occurred April 20, 1911, a fatal case February 9, 1912, and 2 fatal cases February 25, 1912.

The last plague-infected rats reported found at Honokaa were 49, found during the week ended March 2, 1912. At Hilo a plague-infected rat was found during the week ended June 10, 1911, and 2 plague-infected rats were reported found February 29, 1912.

Honolulu—Plague-Prevention Work.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports:

Week ended Mar. 23, 1912.

Total rats and mongoose taken.....	344
Rats trapped.....	332
Mongoose trapped.....	12
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	292
Classification of rats trapped:	
<i>Mus alexandrianus</i>	56
<i>Mus musculus</i>	66
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	16
<i>Mus rattus</i>	194
Average number of traps set daily.....	1,720

Mosquito-Eradication Measures at Honolulu.

The following statement of the work of mosquito destruction at Honolulu was received from Passed Asst. Surg. McCoy, who is detailed as sanitary adviser to the governor of the Territory of Hawaii:

Mosquito-eradication measures conducted at Honolulu from March 11 to 16, 1912, both inclusive.

Inspections of—	Total inspections.	Larvæ found in.	Ordered cleaned.	Oiled.	Drained.	Emptied.	Filled.	Ordered repaired.	Screened.	Stocked with mosquito fish.
Gutters, house.....	1,517	32	74	4	6	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
Gutters, street.....	361	20	30	57	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Standing water.....	403	46	7	88	8	.....	10	.....	.....	4
Cesspools.....	913	40	1	37	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....
Privy vaults.....	1,322	4	1	37	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....
Holes and low places.....	705	137	1	146	104	.....	82	.....	.....	.....
Catch basins.....	460	25	15	97	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Leaky fixtures.....	33	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
Plants, etc.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swamps.....	147	13	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Ponds.....	37	1	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Troughs, tanks.....	185	3	4	2	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tubs or other receptacles.....	862	73	6	.....	.....	241	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tin cans, bottles.....	1,943	165	.....	.....	.....	1,580	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water barrels.....	512	54	.....	.....	.....	103	.....	.....	16	6
Vacant houses.....	147	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grease traps.....	238	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Number of wagonloads of tin cans collected.....	27
Number of legal notices to abate nuisances served.....	31
Number of nuisances abated.....	31
Gutters were removed or perforated on 36 buildings.....	